

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
AND THE
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**CHARTER OF THE LABOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND TRADE POLICY**

1. Establishment:

Pursuant to section 135(c) (1) and (2) of the Trade Act of 1974, 19 U.S.C. 2155 (c)(1) and (2), as amended by section 1103 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, Pub. L. 9639, 93 Stat. 308, the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-418, 102 Stat. 1107; and Executive Order 11846, 3 C.F.R., 1971-1975 Comp., 971 (which delegates certain Presidential responsibilities conferred in section 135 of the Trade Act of 1974 to the United States Representative), the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative hereby establish the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

The Committee shall consist of the entire membership. The Committee will have one or more subcommittees. There shall be a steering subcommittee selected from the committee members. The United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of Labor may: (1) on their own initiative, or (2) at the request of the Steering Subcommittee, acting on the behalf of the full committee, establish such other subcommittees as may be deemed necessary. Each subcommittee shall be composed entirely of members of the parent committee.

2. Membership:

The Committee shall consist of approximately 125 members from the U.S. labor community, appointed by the United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of Labor, acting jointly. Members will serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative. A chairman shall be elected by the members at a regular meeting.

3. The Committee's objectives and the scope of its activity:

To provide information and advice with respect to negotiating objectives and bargaining positions before the U.S. enters into a trade agreement with a foreign country or countries, with respect to the operation of any trade agreement once entered into, and with respect to other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation, and administration of the trade policy of the United States, including those matters referred to in the Reorganization Plan Number 3 of 1979 and Executive Order No. 12188, and the priorities for actions thereunder.

4. The period of time necessary for the Committee to carry out its purposes:

Upon renewal of this charter and extending for the two-year period covered by this charter with respect to matters arising in connection with the negotiation and operation of trade agreements and with respect to other matters arising in connection with the administration of the trade policy of the United States.

5. The Agency (Agencies) or Official(s) to whom the Committee reports:

The Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative.

6. The Agency (Agencies) responsible for providing the necessary administrative support for the Committee:

The Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor is delegated this responsibility by Secretary of Labor Order 1-82, March 9, 1992. The United States Trade Representative, the Secretary of Labor, or their designated agents, and representatives from other governmental departments, as appropriate, shall provide such additional staff information, personnel, administrative service and assistance to the Advisory Committee as the Committee may reasonably require to fulfill its purpose and to carry out its activities. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the Secretary of Labor shall be responsible for all notice filings and other applicable statutory requirements as set forth in the Federal Advisory Committee Act, with the exceptions set forth in the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

7. A description of the duties for which the Committee is responsible:

- a. To advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative jointly, on issues and general policy matters concerning labor and trade negotiations, operation of any trade agreement once entered into, and other matters arising in connection with the administration of the trade policy of the United States.
- b. To provide reports on trade agreements to the President, the Congress, and the Office of the United States Trade Representative at the conclusion of negotiations for each trade agreement.
- c. To perform such other advisory functions relevant to the trade negotiations as may be required by the United States Trade Representative or the Secretary of Labor and the U.S. Trade Representative jointly, or their designees.
- d. The advisory functions described under (a), (b), and (c) above shall be performed both in connection with the preparatory phase of the negotiations and with respect to developments arising during the course of the negotiations, as well as after the agreements are in force.

8. The estimated annual operating costs in dollars and man-years for the Committee:

\$65,000 which includes 1/4 person-years of staff support.

9. The estimated number and frequency of Committee meetings:

The Committee will meet at irregular intervals at the call of the United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of Labor depending on such factors as the level of activity during the negotiations. the needs of the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative. the nature and volume of reports required by statute, as well as additional reports that may be provided by the Committee for the consideration of the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative.

10. The Committee's termination date:

Two years from the date of this Charter.

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United States Trade Representative

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Secretary of Labor

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